FALL EDITION 2023

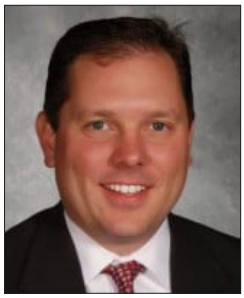
LAKESHORE LIGHT

LHS Science Teacher Jill McNabnay boards the National Geographic Explorer.

Lakeshore High School Science Teacher Jill McNabnay was selected to be a part of the 2023 Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship expedition to the Arctic. Look for more information in the next issue of the Lakeshore Light.

Grounded in Tradition – Committed to Excellence

Message from the Superintendent



Superintendent
Greg Eding

Lakeshore Public Schools is here for YOU! Our team continues to prepare for the 2023-24 school year, working to make this the best year yet.

Thank you for taking a few minutes to read through our Lakeshore Light. This summer we have been busy with hiring new employees, including great additions to our teaching staff and administration. Here are the new additions to our administrative team:

Susan Toothman, Director of Human Resources and Communication - Ms. Toothman is shifting over from the Middle School Principal position into the Director of Human Resources and Communication. Susan is a seasoned professional with great leadership experiences that will be very helpful to our central office administration team.

Natalie Macerata, Director of Curriculum and Instruction - Ms. Macerata just completed her 8th year as Principal of Hollywood Elementary and is now joining the central office administration team. Natalie brings a high level of experience in early literacy, which will be a focus for our District for the next several years.

Jerry Holtgren, Principal of Lakeshore High School - Mr. Holtgren comes to Lakeshore from Niles Community Schools where he served as Director and Principal of Niles New Tech Entrepreneurial Academy. In 2022, Jerry presented to the Michigan House of Representatives on school culture and safety, and he has led district-level training on Professional Learning Communities and STEM education.

Ben McIntyre, Principal of Hollywood Elementary - Mr. McIntyre is coming to Lakeshore from Three Rivers Community Schools where he served as an elementary principal for eight years. Ben comes to Lakeshore with experience with Professional Learning Communities, multi-tiered systems of supports for students, using data to drive instructional decisions, and the use of Stephen Covey's *Leader in Me* student leadership program.

We are grateful for the financial support of the **LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION** and for the efforts of the LEF all-volunteer board.

Allison Arend, Principal of Lakeshore Middle School - Ms. Arend just completed her fifth year as Assistant Principal at the Middle School

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WELCOME TO LAKESHORE

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT continued ...

and this will be her first opportunity as Principal of a building. Most recently, Ms. Arend was named ***Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association's 2022 Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year***.

Tim Keathley, Assistant Principal of Lakeshore Middle School - Mr. Keathley is coming to Lakeshore from Eau Claire Public Schools where he served as an elementary principal for seven years. Tim comes to Lakeshore with experience in developing systems to support the ***Whole Child, High Impact Leadership, and Professional Learning Communities***.

As you can see, Lakeshore continues to attract great talent. This is an amazing group of leaders who are focused on improving student achievement through the development of relationships with students, teachers, parents, and community members. I am very excited for Lakeshore Schools as our team works to make a positive impact for our students.

Last Fall, Lakeshore conducted a community survey asking for feedback regarding facility improvements in the District. We had 1400 respondents to the survey and we learned that the community would support a tax increase if it was for basic needs that include boilers, parking lot repaving, and roof replacement. We also learned that our community desires more communication about our general programming and our facilities. The $19.9M Lakeshore Bond was approved by voters on May 2nd and we are now in the process of planning and then implementing the projects.

Elementary playground renovations will be the first project that our students and parents will see this year from the 2023 Bond. These are replacing structures that are old and in disrepair. Hollywood is having a ***We-Saw*** installed, Roosevelt a ***PlayBooster NetPlex*** installed, and Stewart a ***Tree Tops Structure*** installed. Bids for these projects were accepted in our July Board of Education meeting and work will begin this fall with the hope of completion in December. Our playgrounds will remain open for use during construction, with the exception of the construction areas which will be cordoned off.

Lakeshore is committed to keeping the community updated throughout all phases of the 2023 Bond. Visit LakeshorePublicSchools.net and click on the May 2023 Bond link to stay up to date on our projects!

Sincerely,
Greg Eding
geding@lpslancer.net

Jerry Holtgren – Principal, High School
Jerry comes from Niles Community Schools where he served as Director and Principal of Niles New Tech Entrepreneurial Academy. He received his bachelor's degree from Bethel College and his master's from Grand Valley.

Tim Keathley – Assistant Principal, Middle School
Tim lives in Stevensville with his family and is a Lakeshore parent. He was an elementary principal for Eau Claire Schools. Tim received his bachelor's degree from Ferris and his master's from Grand Valley.

Andrea Countess – English, High School
Andrea received her bachelor's degree from Western and her master's from Marygrove. She has been teaching at Bridgman for several years, and lives here in Stevensville.

Ian Gordon – Social Studies, High School
Ian received his bachelor's degree from Western and his master's from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS

Sarah Blazic - Math, High School
Sarah received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her master's from Michigan State. Sarah is a Lakeshore graduate and has been teaching in Berkley, MI.

Shea Kent – Social Studies, High School
Shea is from St. Joe and received his bachelor's degree in December from Elmhurst University.

Levi Urias - Science, High School
Levi received his bachelor and master's degrees from Grand Valley. He previously taught in Utah and most recently at Eau Claire.

Sydney Ruiz – Special Ed, Elementary
Sydney received her bachelor's degree from Chicago State University and her master's in education from Moreland University. She has been a performing arts teacher at Baker College Prep since 2017.

Lauren Kenny – Kindergarten, Stewart
Lauren received her degree from Western. She is relocating back to Southwest Michigan after teaching in Florida.

Kim Hochstetler – Marketing, High School
Kim received her bachelor's degree from Western and has worked for Mid-West Family Broadcasting since 2009.

Collin Churchill – 8th History, Middle School
Collin graduated from St. Joe and received his degree from Grand Valley State University.

Abby Gibbons – Kindergarten, Hollywood
Abby received her bachelor's degree from Hope College and her master's from Liberty University. She has taught for the past two years in Iowa.

Meredith Magin – 4th Grade, Stewart
Meredith received her bachelor's from Butler University and has been teaching in Indiana.

Cheryl Thompson – Kindergarten, Hollywood
Cheryl has just finished filling in as a year-long substitute teacher in this role at Hollywood and she received her bachelor's degree from Western.

Ben McIntyre – Principal, Hollywood Elementary
Ben has served as an elementary principal for eight years with Three Rivers Community Schools. Ben comes to Lakeshore with experience with Professional Learning Communities, multi-tiered systems of support for students, using data to drive instructional decisions, and the use of Stephen Covey's Leader In Me student leadership program.

LAKESHORE LANCERS

Lakeshore School Bus Transportation

The Transportation Department's mission is to provide the safest and most efficient means of transporting our students to and from school.

Red stop sign means "STOP"
Green smiley face means "CROSS SAFELY"

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to a safe school year! GO LANCERS!

BUS ROUTES

Lakeshore transportation will post preliminary routes on the transportation page of the website for the 2023/2024 school year on August 15 at 5:00 P.M. These preliminary routes will help plan and offer appropriate pick-up times.

As many parents will be exploring needs for transportation late into August, please check the website after 5:00 P.M. on August 27. These will be the final routes for the first day of school. The website will be periodically updated throughout the school year. New students and extracurricular activities impact routing schedules.

Bus Stop Etiquette:

Please have your child at the bus stop five minutes before the listed estimated time. On ***Late-Start Wednesdays***, high school/middle school buses run 40 minutes later, and elementary buses run 50 minutes later. Late Start Wednesdays begin September 6, 2023.

Student Crossing Procedure:

To Board the Bus:

1. Students wait in a group at the designated bus stop at least 10 feet away from the edge of the roadway and watch the bus driver for the signal to cross.
2. Bus drivers will display a sign (see image at left) to indicate when it is safe to cross the street.
3. Students proceed directly across the road always staying well in front of the bus and board the bus.
4. Do not stop in the middle of the street or cross behind the bus.
5. Bus stops will be placed at legal locations consistent with Board policy or if required by law.

When Exiting the Bus:

1. Students exit the bus and take 10 giant steps in front of the bus staying on the side of the street.
2. Students stand in a group and look to the bus driver for the signal to cross.
3. Bus drivers will display a sign to indicate when it is safe to cross the street.
   Red stop sign means "STOP"
   Green smiley face means "CROSS SAFELY"
4. Students proceed to a point even with the left side of the bus and stop.
5. Students look left and right for passing cars.
6. Students look to the driver for instruction to complete the crossing.
7. Do not cross behind the bus.
8. If a paper or article goes under the school bus, always ask the bus driver for help.
9. Do not get mail from roadside mailboxes until after the bus leaves the stop.

Student Delivery Specialists:

Lakeshore Transportation is looking forward to another safe year of transporting our students. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call us at (269) 428-1412 or email nawhite@lpslancer.net.

SAVE THE DATE

Lakeshore Public Schools will be hosting an Open House for the Kohn Fieldhouse on Friday, September 22, 2023 from 5:30-6:30 P.M. just prior to the Homecoming Football Game.

Come tour this beautiful, state-of-the-art facility that was generously donated by Bob Kohn and the Kohn Bancroft Foundation. The facility includes three basketball courts *(which can also serve as four volleyball courts in the same space)*, weight room, plyometrics training room, batting cage, golf simulator and an 1/8th mile indoor track. Please join us on September 22 prior to the football game to see this facility and all it has to offer!

AFEC

Advanced Family Eye Care

2810 Niles Road, St Joseph, MI 49085
5770 Cleveland Avenue, Stevensville, MI 49127
88 W Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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LEARN BY HEART!

We are looking for positive stories about Lakeshore teachers, bus drivers, school lunch staff, paraprofessionals, custodians, coaches, librarians, administrative assistants and anyone who is an important part of a student's educational success.

lpslancers.net/page/learn-by-heart

COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Saturday, September 9
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
LINCOLN TOWNSHIP PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
Visit *CommunityFunDay* on Facebook for all the details!

ELEMENTARY NEWS

First Day of School

The first day of elementary school is Monday, August 28, 2023. It is a half day of school with dismissal at 12:00 P.M.

Elementary Daily Schedule

Students may enter the building at 8:25 A.M.

Doors open 8:25 A.M.
School starts 8:40 A.M.
School day ends 3:45 P.M.

Late Start Wednesday
Begins September 6, 2023
Doors open 8:55 A.M.
School starts 9:10 A.M.
School day ends 3:45 P.M.

Half Day Schedule
School day ends 12:00 P.M.

Our 5th grade band numbers during the 2022-2023 school year were the biggest Lakeshore has seen in a long time with 113 members!

Last spring brought lots of excitement for our youngest band members as they prepared for their spring concert. Having four full band rehearsals together prior to their concert was quite the sight to see! We are so thankful that our 5th graders have this opportunity to see what our band program is all about. The spring concert was a great success. Huge thanks to band directors Matt Pagel, Chris Grapis and Christina Baumann.

Roosevelt's *Green Team* in Action this Past Spring!

The members of our ***Green Team*** were hard at work in the spring getting ***Jeremy's Garden*** cleaned up and refreshed. We are looking forward to returning to a beautiful space full of new plants! The ***Green Team*** is a service oriented group that is run by Mrs. Hines, our counselor.

Pictured L to R: Morgan Callahan (Berrien County Foundation), Jen Hyrns (second grade teacher at Hollywood), Murray (therapy dog at Hollywood), and Kari Butcher (1st grade teacher at Hollywood).

A shout out to Berrien County Foundation for supporting two Hollywood classroom requests from teachers. We appreciate the support!

REACH HIGHER

Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

21st ANNUAL LEF GOLF SCRAMBLE THANK YOU!

With your help, we were able to raise $24,715.

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THANK YOU LANCER LEADERS!

Your support makes a world of difference.

READ MORE PAGE 2.

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LANCER LEADER EVENT 2023

This past April, we hosted our annual Lancer Leader event recognizing those individuals and businesses that contribute $1,000 or more, annually, to support the mission of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.

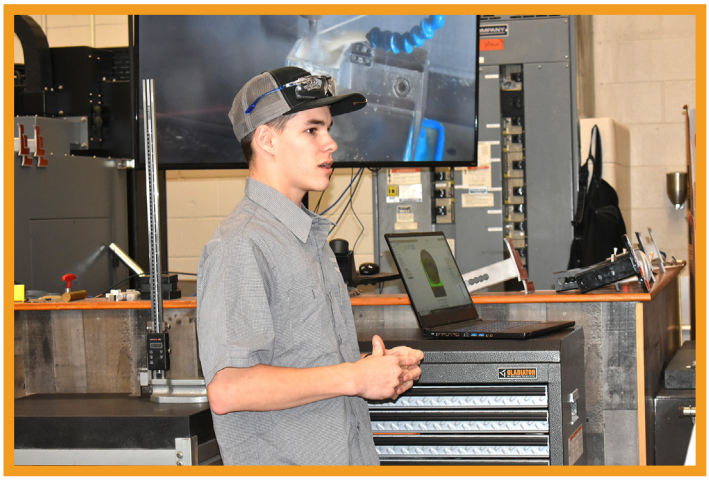
Attendees were treated to a tour of Lakeshore High School's Career & Technical Education Classrooms, including: HVAC, Electrical, CNA, Woods, Welding/MachineTool, Robotics/CAD and Automotive Technology before enjoying performances by Lakeshore Fine Arts students in the Jazz Band, Choir, and Dance programs. LHS Teacher Amy Perkins, and Superintendent Greg Eding, helped us kick off the event by sharing how contributions to the LEF impact every student, teacher and administrator, everyday! Thank you to all of you who choose to support the LEF - you truly make a difference and help all students reach higher!

To learn more about becoming a Lancer Leader, or to donate, visit: https://lefonline.org/

THANK YOU LANCER LEADERS!

Lancer Leader Jeff Martin and LEF Board Member Phil Molloy at the Lancer Leader event.

Lancer Leader Martha Thomas and Roosevelt Principal Rachel Kyncl enjoying lunch at the Lancer Leader event.

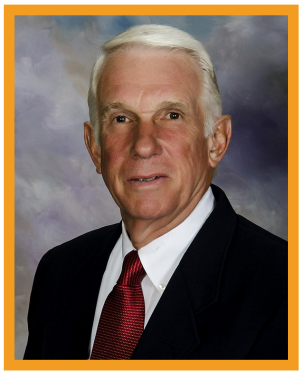


Student Leaders guiding the tour of Lakeshore High School's CTE classrooms.

Student Leaders showing Lancer Leaders one of the robotics robots in action.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR…NEW PROJECTS …AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

As we transition from our relaxed summertime activities to the new school year, I thought that I would reflect on our LEF activities:



J.C. Anderson, Chairman

1 Fundraisers…

We have had two (2) fundraisers which we consider successful, and many of you have helped achieve our goals by taking part in them. Our June 12th Golf Scramble netted $24,715 and the Cash Raffle should net us around $20,000, assuming that all of the 250 tickets are sold. If you haven't purchased your ticket(s) yet, you can contact any of our Board members before the September 18, 2023 drawing.

2 Major Projects…

During the summer, we have been working with Superintendent Greg Eding to identify the next few major projects that will enhance the learning experiences for the Lakeshore students, staff and community, while also meeting our LEF funding guidelines. Stay tuned for the announcement of our new projects sometime in September. These new projects will be our fund development focus for the next year or two.

3 Board Members…

We will welcome four (4) new Board members in our September meeting. **This is the largest initiation of new Board members that the LEF has ever had, and it makes me very happy.** When I agreed to join the LEF as Chairperson approximately 10 years ago, I was surprised at that time to see only eight active Board members and little recognition of the LEF organization by the administration, by the students, and within the community.

One of our strategic objectives became… "have the LEF perform in a manner that people are hearing great things about our work and want to become part of the mission." We are proud that the four new Board members have been motivated to join the LEF as a result of our more recent efforts.

While the mentioned activities are favorable, we recognize that the LEF is a "pipeline" for your investments in the educational experience of our students and staff at Lakeshore. We take our responsibility for the prudent investment of your contributions in effective grants and/or projects very seriously.

Our objective is to invest your contributions in a way that will create the greatest impact across our district.

We continue to invite your comments and/or suggestions regarding our operation and decision-making. Please give me a call (269) 921-2513 or write me a note (anderjcna@gmail.com) regarding any concerns that you may have about the LEF.

We're looking forward to the upcoming school year with great anticipation and hope we can count on your support this year so we can continue to make a positive impact throughout the Lakeshore School District.

J.C. Anderson

EMPOWERING EDUCATION

Lakeshore's one-to-one computing initiative reaches full implementation with district wide student laptop access for the 2023-24 school year.

Lakeshore's one-to-one initiative for computing at the elementary schools is finishing its final phase this fall. **Every Lakeshore elementary student will have their own district issued computer thanks to a donation from the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation.** Kindergarten and first grade classrooms received their carts of touchscreen computers last fall. This summer, the district ordered 865 chrome books to distribute to all second through fifth grade classrooms. These computers are set-up and ready for use by the students to begin the 2023-24 school year.

LEF MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT

THANK YOU GOLF SCRAMBLE SPONSORS

Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors, and teams who made this year's LEF Golf Scramble one of the best years yet! With your help, we were able to raise $24,715.

All proceeds go to support programs and grants for the students, staff, and community of Lakeshore Public Schools.

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Lakeshore Store
Lake Michigan Hills Golf Course
Mark III Grille & Bar
Mason Jar Café
Old National Bank
Papa Vino's Italian Kitchen
Red Coach Donuts
Schu's Grill & Bar
Silver Beach Pizza
Silver Harbor Brewing
Sophia's House of Pancakes
Soft Touch Car Wash
Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra
Subway
Taylor Rental
Texas Corral
Tyler Honda
Watermark Brewing Co.

LEF LAKESHORE EXCELLENCE FOUNDATION

Excellent schools are the foundation of excellent communities. When you invest in Lakeshore Public Schools through the LEF, you are investing in the quality of life in our community both today and tomorrow.

LEF MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT

THANK YOU GOLF SCRAMBLE SPONSORS

If you didn't get a chance to attend this year's event, but would still like to donate, visit: lefonline.org

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECOGNITION

Bob Adkins (Class of 1958)

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Superintendent Greg Eding and Bob Adkins

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation and Lakeshore Alumni Association recognized this year's Distinguished Alumni recipient, Bob Adkins (Class of 1958) during a special ceremony this past June. Adkins was inducted into the esteemed group of alumni honorees with a plaque before he spoke to the Class of 2023 during the graduation ceremony. Congratulations to Bob for a lifetime of amazing accomplishments.

Read more about Bob's story at: lefonline.org/distinguished-alumni/

The Alumni Association takes great pride in recognizing our distinguished graduates.

We accept nominations from anyone interested in supporting a candidate for this prestigious award. Our selection committee—composed of alumni, a current school staff member, and a previous school principal—will carefully consider all nominees for a period of three years after their nomination, and you may re-nominate a candidate as many times as you wish. Visit lefonline.org to submit your nomination.

ALUMNI TUMBLER GIVEAWAY & YETI COOLER

We teamed-up with the Lakeshore Alumni Association to give away some fun parting gifts to the Class of 2023, this past June!

It was our way of congratulating all the graduating seniors at Lakeshore Public Schools for a job well done! Every graduate who signed up to join the Lakeshore Alumni Association was also entered into a drawing for a Lakeshore Lancer YETI Cooler. This year's winner was Emily Peters. Emily will be attending Belmont in the Fall, where she will play soccer! Congratulations Emily!

Lakeshore graduates interested in joining the Lakeshore Alumni Association can learn more and register at: lefonline.org/alumni/get-registered/

Emily Peters wins the YETI Cooler!

Alumni Tumbler Giveaway

Foundation Grant

SCISSOR LIFT FOR LAKESHORE MAINTENANCE

Lakeshore's Operations Department is rising to new heights thanks to the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation. The group applied for a Foundation Grant to purchase a scissor lift. Staff can now perform maintenance projects at heights a ladder can't reach. This includes, among other things, hanging banners, lights, and fixing equipment in gyms across the district. Lakeshore Public Schools Director of Operations, Nick White, is grateful for what the new tool will mean in terms of protection for his team. "Thank you [LEF] for generously funding this scissor lift," says White. "This machine will allow for safe and efficient aerial work for many years to come!"

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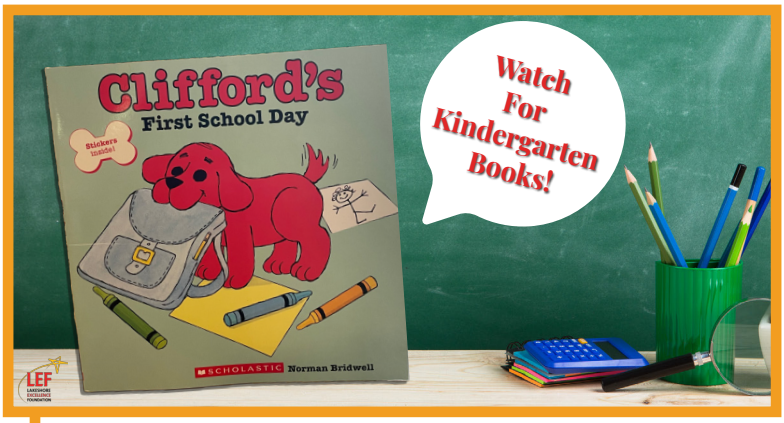
Lakeshore Excellence Foundation

The Operations Department with the new scissor lift provided through the LEF Foundation Grant.

LEF KINDERGARTEN BOOKS INITIATIVE



The LEF is once again generously providing kindergarten and Young Fives students with a book during the *Taste of Kindergarten/Taste of Young Fives Day* that takes place August 28. This wonderful initiative aims to promote a love for reading from an early age, fostering literacy skills and imagination among the young learners. By gifting books, LEF is making a meaningful impact on the lives of these students, nurturing their intellectual growth and setting them on a path to lifelong learning.

Patti Florian Student Enrichment Grant

INTERACT CLUB - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIP

To learn more about our four grant options visit: lefonline.org/grants/

The Lakeshore Excellence Foundation was proud to support a group of Lakeshore High School students in their quest to help people around the world live better, safer lives.

The students received **Patti Florian Student Enrichment Grants** to travel to the Dominican Republic, June 24th through July 1st, with the **Rotary sponsored Interact Club**. The purpose of Interact Club is to serve others, and build leadership skills, while discovering the power of putting others first.

This particular trip focused on a small village of Haitian families who have settled in the sugar cane fields (Bateys) of La Romana, Dominican Republic. While there, the Lakeshore students helped build a house, and spent time entertaining and educating the local children. They also brought plenty of donated items to share with the residents.

Kristy Mahlo, who serves as an advisor to Lakeshore's Interact Club, along with LEF Trustee, Bill Scaletta, said, "It's a great way for the students to understand another part of the world and life. This helps shape how they think about their community and has the added bonus of being a unique experience to reflect on for college applications."

Mahlo's daughter, Annalise, attended the trip to Dominican this year after receiving a grant from the LEF. Mahlo said her daughter loved playing with the kids and making new friends from other schools. Lakeshore sophomore, Tanner Hall, also received a Patti Florian Student Enrichment Grant. He echoed his classmate's sentiments saying his experience in the Dominican Republic is not one he will soon forget.

"I got to see first-hand what our work through Interact Club has done for the kids and families in the Batey," says Hall. "Not only was this trip super meaningful to the kids who call the Batey their home, it also had a big impact on me and opened my eyes to how different people around the world live their everyday lives."

The following Lakeshore students and parents attended this year's trip:
Ananya Bommineni - Class of '23
Alayna Chrispell - Class of '24
Tanner Hall - Class of '26
Jadyn Haynes - Class of '24
Laina Haynes - Class of '23
Abby Hoss - Class of '25
Annalise Mahlo - Class of '26
Scott Chrispell, Lakeshore Rotary Member and Chaperone

LEF Patti Florian Student Enrichment Grants are awarded for activities or events that promote self-improvement through exploration, discovery, study and interaction. This could include: workshops, retreats, camps or lessons, all of which could serve as a springboard to further exploration or mastery.

WEEKEND FOOD PACK PROGRAM

Food insecurity is a significant problem in the Lakeshore Public School district. Did you know that as of October 2022, an average of 33.7% of our elementary students had applied for free and reduced meals? Aside from the obvious side effects of food insecurity, educational proficiency suffers a great deal due to the lack of sufficient nutritious food.

Using a model from First Congregational Church in St. Joseph that began a weekend food pack program for the elementary schools in St. Joseph, and their previous experience with food pack programs, Stevensville United Methodist Church embarked on the same mission in the Lakeshore district. Beginning in April 2023, Lancer Lunches provides Lakeshore students with meals to help support their nutritional needs over the weekends. The funding for this program comes solely from the generosity of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation, which donated $20,000 to this important cause. The dedicated team coordinating the program consists of Kellie Meyer, Sarah Melcher, Sandy Hayes, and LEF Trustee Lori Hellenga. They have a terrific volunteer group that gathers every Thursday afternoon to pack the bags so our Lancer kids can have meals all weekend!

There is a strong correlation between adequate nutrition and educational success. Thanks to the LEF and our volunteers, the Lakeshore community will be stronger and more successful than ever!

ART AROUND TOWN

Thank you for your support!

We had a great time celebrating some of Lakeshore Public Schools' finest young artists this past June at Curious Kids' Discovery Zone!

LEF Board Members, Superintendent Greg Eding, Lakeshore Art teachers, students, family, and friends gathered to recognize this year's Art Around Town winners! 20 students from Lakeshore's elementary, middle and high school were chosen after what is always a very difficult judging competition. We'd like to thank our amazing co-chairs,Tanya Mealman, Lauren Roberto, and Jill Phenegar for all they did to help make this year's event such a success.

Every one of these fine works of art was sponsored by an area business. They will be on display this summer at the Curious Kids' Museum, once it reopens to the public, and then be moved to the sponsoring businesses for the remainder of the year. Congratulations to all the artists on your wonderful works of art! To see more of the winning entries, visit our Facebook Page at: https://bit.ly/LEF23ART

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

BE BRAVE. TAKE RISKS.

Paulo Coelho once said, "Be Brave. Take Risks. Nothing can substitute experience." For the last 18 years, students have learned the value of this statement as they leave room 141 at Lakeshore High School. One word describes Alaina Kinney, the teacher in this classroom: Brave.

Alaina Kinney's goal is to start each day by making sure everyone is thriving, invested, and truly experiencing the world around them. Kinney not only does this for the hundreds of students she comes into contact with, but she also does this for all the animals she is responsible for on her farm. Originally studying to become a veterinarian, this is Kinney's 18th year at Lakeshore High School, where she has taught regular, Honors, and Advanced Placement English classes, but more importantly, she teaches through her various experiences.

Alaina Kinney, Lakeshore High School Teacher

"I originally wanted to be a vet, but quickly realized the math and science were going to be too much for me in college and had to change my career path. I loved English in high school and loved my English teacher. I have always enjoyed reading and writing so it was a natural fit. I love when we get to discuss whatever text we are reading and see what the kids bring to the discussion," Kinney states.

Her brave decision to switch majors turned out to be a great decision for both Kinney and for Lakeshore. An ***R. James Johnson Award*** recipient, member of the School Improvement Team, an AR (Association Representative) for the Lakeshore Education Association, and the National Honor Society (NHS) Advisor, Kinney also coached volleyball for eleven years and was a three-time class advisor.

A lover of traveling the world and learning about cultures, one of Kinney's favorite teaching experiences was winning the 2013-2014 Fulbright Teacher Exchange Grant. She left Stevensville and taught English to 6th-12th graders in Békés, Hungary. Her counterpart, Hungarian educator Gyuri Liptak, came to Lakeshore and taught Kinney's classes while she taught his classes half a world away. Kinney states, "That year was one of the best years of my life. Learning the education system in a different country was really interesting and watching the kids' growth in speaking English was incredibly rewarding. I loved learning all about a new culture and experiencing so many amazing opportunities." Again, another display of Kinney's bravery: this time moving to a country, not knowing a person or the language for the duration of a year and being a vegetarian in a country that prides itself on its meat products.

Back at home with experiences to share, Kinney continues to love her job. "Every hour is something new. Even if the class is the same, the kids change so there can be a completely different experience. Lakeshore is a wonderful place to work because of the support we offer all students. It is so important to provide various pathways for kids to feel accepted, valued, and successful in high school, whether that is through sports, CTE and the arts, or different clubs."

When she is not at school or grading papers, she is usually doing something on her small farm in Coloma, MI. Kinney said, "I have

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two horses (Murray and Stella), two goats (Ben and Jerry), three dogs (Finn, Truman, and Quincy), one barn cat (Miller) and twelve chickens (all with old lady names). Most of the animals are rescue animals as that is a cause near and dear to my heart. Growing up I lived in the country and people would always drop dogs off at the end of our street and we would take them in and find homes for them (or keep them as we did twice!). That probably started my love for rescuing animals."

"Kinney took a huge risk in trying to manage her 12-acre farm and her successful full-time job. She thrives at both," says Suze Miller, a fellow English teacher at Lakeshore.

Alaina Kinney, Lakeshore High School Teacher

"As a teacher, it is so important to recognize and celebrate the diversity of all of my students. They all bring a unique set of experiences, skills, and dreams to my classroom and my job is to honor those and help foster success for them in whatever form that takes. I got into teaching because I really enjoy watching kids learn and be successful. The 'lightbulb' moment when something clicks for a kid or they feel successful is the best part of my day," Kinney states.

One of Kinney's greatest contributions to Lakeshore might be her new role: advisor of Prism. "Several years ago a student approached me and wanted to start a Gender and Sexuality Alliance club; I was immediately on board because Prism is another way to support a group of students. Usually, we have about 10-15 students at the meetings and discuss a wide variety of topics from current events, to LGBTQ rights around the world, to ways to make all students feel included at Lakeshore."

Former student Lauren Dalrymple said, "Ms. Kinney is one of those teachers who truly embodies why it's important to have educators with a passion for what they do. In my time at Lakeshore, I was fortunate enough to witness her positive impact on so many students, myself included. She offers guidance, support, and kindness to all students while making her classroom a safe space. Her joy for educating is truly part of what makes Lakeshore a special place. Teachers like Alaina are the kind of people who make me proud to call myself a Lancer."

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Ways to keep in touch ...

1. Join the Lakeshore High School Alumni Facebook Group:
   Search for "Lakeshore High School Alumni" and Join the Group

2. Register on the LEF website for email updates:
   lefonline.org/alumni/get-registered

If you graduated from Lakeshore High School, this is a great way to stay in touch!

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Hollywood Leaders Participate in the
6th Annual Give Back Day

Third graders decorate their garden pole.

Kindergarten students are proud of the coloring packets they assembled.

Fifth graders showing off some of the many donated toys.

Every year the leaders at Hollywood participate in ***Give Back Day***. This is an opportunity for our students to think of others and ways we can help.

The students did their part with some fun activities!

We held a donation drive and collected eight large boxes of toys, clothes and hygiene items to donate to the ***Berrien County Foster Closet*** as well as over 50 new toys for patients at ***DeVos Children's*** hospital. We also made no-sew fleece blankets and coloring packets to send to DeVos.

Our big project this year was synergizing with the ***Lincoln Township Library*** to create ***Garden Art Poles*** that they will install in their garden. We also created bookmarks for the library to give to patrons.

Finally, we painted flower pots and planted flowers, which we delivered to the residents at ***Royalton Manor***.

The children love knowing that these small acts of kindness will affect the community in many positive ways.

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Hollywood Kindness Team

The ***Hollywood Kindness Team*** wanted to beautify the gym, and invited some ***Key Club*** members to help. With Mrs. Burchett and her expertise, the volunteers from the middle and high school outlined the murals. On ***Give Back Day***, the ***Kindness Team*** and an elementary action team, washed the gym walls, touched up some scenery, and finished painting the murals. Thank you so much to the Hollywood alumni who volunteered their time and "Gave Back" to the school!

LAKESHORE LANCERS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

First Day of School

The first day of middle school is Monday, August 28, 2023. It is a half day of school with dismissal at 11:00 A.M.

Middle School Daily Schedule

Students may enter the building at 7:25 A.M.

Doors open 7:25 A.M.
School starts 7:40 A.M.
Dismissal 2:43 P.M.

Late Start Wednesday
Begins September 6, 2023
Doors open 8:00 A.M.
School starts 8:15 A.M.
Dismissal 2:43 PM

Half Days Schedule
Doors open 7:25 A.M.
School starts at 7:40 A.M.
Dismissal 11:00 A.M.

8th Graders Enjoy the Air Zoo

Kalamazoo Air Zoo Trip

In April half of the Lakeshore Middle School 8th grade students visited the ***Air Zoo*** in Kalamazoo, while the other half were on the Washington DC trip.

The students who were at the ***Air Zoo*** put the engineering process into practice as they worked in teams to design a landing system that would survive landing on Mars. Students also visited the ***Flight Discovery Center*** where volunteers work each day to restore planes, and they had the opportunity to explore the rest of the museum at the ***Air Zoo***.

"Over its 40-year history, the ***Air Zoo*** grew from a nine-plane hangar display to a stunning, world-class aerospace and science education center with over 100 rare aircraft and spacecraft, interactive exhibits, and cutting-edge educational programs for people of all ages." -- airzoo.org/history

Poetry Slam

Poetry Slam winners

This spring, 8th graders took part in a ***Poetry Slam*** where they recited a poem they had written to the class. Classmates voted for their top three choices within each hour, and 16 middle school staff members chose the top three poems. This year's top poets are Lola with first place for ***Pocket***, Jada with second place for ***Little Feet***, and Liv with third place for ***Over the Phone***. Congratulations to these poets and thank you to our ***Poetry Slam*** judges and to ***Forever Books*** in St. Joseph who provided prizes to the winning poets.

The Lakeshore Food Service staff looks forward to providing a quality meal program. Breakfast and lunch menus can be found on Lakeshore Public School's website: lpslancers.net by clicking on MENU, then DEPARTMENTS (listed under OUR DISTRICT), and then going to FOOD SERVICE.

Breakfast begins at 8:25 A.M. for elementary students, 7:25 A.M. for middle school students, and at 7:20 A.M. for high school students. No breakfast will be served the first day of school, August 28. Please note, lunches will not be served on half days of school.

Students who bring lunch from home are eligible to purchase milk or juice at school for 75¢. If you want your middle school or high school student's ala carte purchases limited, please contact Pam Greiffendorf at 269-428-1400 extension 2965.

The budget in Michigan was passed to provide ALL students FREE breakfast and lunch for the 2023-2024 school year. However, we still need families who normally qualify for free or reduced meals to complete the free/reduced application, as you may be eligible for additional benefits and support with school funding. The exception to this is for those families who receive a letter in the next few weeks stating your child qualifies for free meals through direct certification. Only one free/reduced application needs to be completed per household. The applications can be returned the first day of school or can be mailed to:

Lakeshore Public Schools, Pam Greiffendorf
5771 Cleveland Avenue, Stevensville, MI 49127

All fund balances from the 2022-2023 school year were forwarded to the upcoming year. Your child can deposit cash or checks (payable to Lakeshore Public Schools) for the lunch program at school. Elementary students turn in deposits to their teacher, middle school students use the deposit box by the office, and high school students use the deposit box by the office or in the cafeteria. Deposits must be submitted by 10:00 A.M. Online payments can be made at mymealtime.com. You will need your child's Student ID Number to set up an account where you can monitor purchases or deposit money (a small fee applies).

Breakfast and lunch are an important part of your child's day, and we strive to make it nutritious and fun. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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My MealTime

Lakeshore Schools has partnered with ***My MealTime***, a fast, secure online service for making credit or debit card deposits and monitoring your student's lunch account.

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Easy steps to use *My MealTime*

Step 1: Register. Click or tap the Register button and follow the onscreen prompts to create your ***My MealTime*** account.

Step 2: Link Your Student. Click or tap the 'Add Student' button, then find your student's school. Link them to your profile by using their student ID number that was provided by your student's school.

Step 3: Make a Deposit. You may choose to store your credit/ debit card for quick and easy repeat use.

Start the Day with Breakfast!

Children who come to school hungry may find it difficult to stay alert and learn. The school breakfast program helps by providing children with a great start to their day. All students are invited to participate in the breakfast program. Breakfast is free for all students. The breakfast menu is posted on the website. If you have any questions please call Pam Greiffendorf, Food Service Director, 428-1400, ext. 2965.

First Day of School

The first day of high school is Monday, August 28, 2023. It is a half day of school with dismissal at 10:53 A.M.

High School Daily Schedule

Students may enter the building at 7:20 A.M.

Doors open 7:20 A.M.
School starts 7:35 A.M.
Dismissal 2:38 P.M.

Late Start Wednesday
Begins September 6, 2023
Doors open 7:55 A.M.
School starts 8:10 A.M.
Dismissal 2:38 PM

Half Day Schedule
Dismissal 10:53 A.M.

Back-to-Back Championships for Lakeshore's Academic Challenge Team

Team Wins Championship for 2nd Time, Making School History Again

Springboarding off of last year's success, the ***Lakeshore High School Academic Challenge Team*** continues their winning streak for the second year in a row. This was a record-breaking season for the team. The team has won the WSJM championship and has qualified for the national tournament with teams from all over the country and from Dubai. The team, composed of ***Kyle Smith, David Reisenbichler, Ananya Bommineni, Ethan Mealman, Isaac Smith, and Tori Fox,*** features six seniors. David and Kyle have been on the team all four years! David explained how the game has changed, "It was pretty crazy, it was really cool seeing the game evolve over the years and the ways they decided to change it for the better after we went virtual."

With a bigger recognition in the school due to winning the WSJM championship, more members joined including newest member Tori Fox. "It was something new for me to try," explained Fox. Serving as a coach for five years, Lakeshore alumna Mrs. Suzanne Miller has decided to retire from coaching academic challenge to focus more on her role as an assistant football coach, "When [they] all started, I was new as well so it is only fitting that it is the end of our chapter together; I can't wait to see how they change the world."

The team competed recently on a national level with two wins. One of the wins was against a team who was competing live from Dubai (7,000 miles away from Lakeshore). What an experience!

Academic Challenge Team

Academic Challenge Team

Local Expert Gives Back to the Classroom and DECA

Marketing Teacher Tonya Jahnke and DECA Students

Each year DECA members are given a new topic for the competitive events of market research. For the 2023 competition the topic was Hyper Personalization.

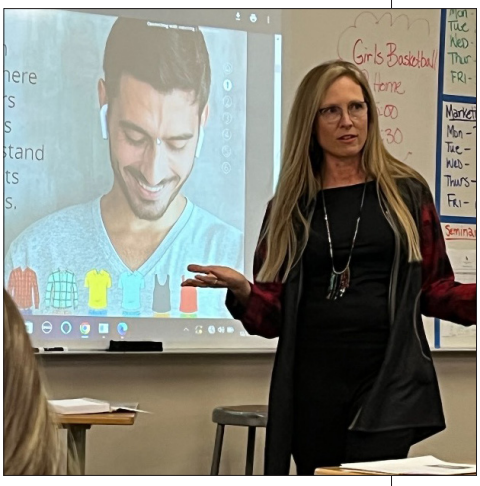
Marketing teacher Tonya Jahnke knew just where to find someone to provide real life experience on this subject.

Wendy Bedell, owner of Net Designs llc was a perfect match for providing DECA students with the information they needed to get an edge on the competition. Net Designs is primarily a website design company, but also provides social media, graphic, and print design services to our area.

"Wendy's expertise gave the students a better understanding on how to prepare for their research events and competition," stated Mrs. Jahnke.

Five DECA members advanced to the International Career Development Conference in Orlando Florida back in April. Congratulations to *Aneesh Burri* who competed in International Business Plan, the team of *Brody Archer and Anna Prosser* for Innovation Plan and the team of *Jacob Marohn and Olivia Smith* for Buying and Merchandising Operations Research Event.

Also recognized at the State Competition was *Sahij Jarria* for being in the top 15 out of over 1,500 who took the math exam. Way to go Sahij!



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Special thanks to ***Tori Lucker*** for chaperoning DECA State and ***Dawn Smith*** for her help at the DECA International Career Development Conference.

Scholarships

Three awarded the Adam Tilly Memorial Scholarship

Three outstanding Lakeshore High School seniors have been awarded the ***Adam Tilly Memorial Scholarship***. ***Natalia Beran*** has been awarded $5000.00 in scholarship. She will be attending ***Calvin University*** and will be studying Nursing. ***Lydia Bixby*** has also been awarded $5000.00 in scholarship. She will be attending The ***University of Cincinnati*** with plans to study Nursing and work to obtain a BSN. ***Emily Patterson*** has also been awarded $5000.00 in scholarship. She will be attending ***Grand Valley State University*** with plans on studying in the field of Biology, specifically Toxicology and Pharmacology. The ***Adam Tilly Memorial Scholarship*** is awarded annually to outstanding Lakeshore High School seniors who represent Adam's hard-working traits and integrity. Adam was a 2001 graduate of Lakeshore High School and a 2005 graduate of ***Michigan Technological University***, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Adam accepted a position as Civil Engineer at Pearson Construction, before he lost his battle with cancer in July of 2006.

The Adam Tilly Memorial Scholarship is funded by the Annual Adam Tilly Memorial Golf Outing and very generous donations from hole sponsors, community, family and friends. This year was a ***pause year*** for the event, but the board of AT 53 Inc., plans on golf in 2024!

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